ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Verbal Advantage – Level 03 Word 41 – Word 50 MCQ Test

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Explanations

1. Is an ***adroit*** maneuver skillful, quick, or deceptive?
✓ **A) skillful**
Adroit means skillful and clever, especially with the hands or in handling difficult situations: **an adroit negotiator**, **an adroit maneuver**. Not **quick**: an adroit move is often quick, but the word itself is about skill.

2. Is a ***platitude*** a strong opinion, a trite statement, or an embarrassing error?
✓ **B) a trite statement**
A **platitude** is a trite statement: a dull, overused remark presented as if it were wise or important, e.g. **"Everything happens for a reason."** Not **a strong opinion**, because a platitude is weak and empty rather than forceful.

3. Is a ***fastidious*** person thoughtful and patient, pushy and obnoxious, or fussy and demanding?
✓ **C) fussy and demanding**
A **fastidious** person is fussy and demanding, very hard to please and very concerned about details, cleanliness or correctness: **She is fastidious about her appearance.** Not **pushy and obnoxious**: a fastidious person is particular, not aggressive.

4. Is a ***vendetta*** a bitter feud, an official reprimand, or an apology?
✓ **A) a bitter feud**
A **vendetta** is a bitter, long-lasting feud, often a campaign of revenge between families or groups: **a family vendetta that lasted for generations**. It has nothing to do with a reprimand or an apology.

5. Is a ***lucid*** remark humorous, clear, or insightful?
✓ **B) clear**
Lucid means clear and easy to understand: **a lucid explanation**. It can also mean mentally clear (**lucid moments**). Not **insightful**: a lucid remark may contain insight, but the word refers to clarity, not depth.

6. Does ***salient*** mean superior, well known, or conspicuous?
✓ **C) conspicuous**
Salient means conspicuous or prominent, standing out and easy to notice: **the salient points of the argument**. Not **well known**: something salient is noticeable or important, not necessarily famous.

7. Is a ***categorical*** statement contradictory, argumentative, or absolute?
✓ **C) absolute**
A **categorical** statement is absolute and unconditional, with no doubt or exceptions: **a categorical denial**. Not **argumentative**: a categorical statement is firm, but it is not meant to start an argument.

8. Would something ***inscrutable*** be irreparable, incomprehensible, or unusual?
✓ **B) incomprehensible**
Inscrutable means incomprehensible, mysterious and impossible to understand or read: **an inscrutable smile**. Not **unusual**: something inscrutable may seem strange, but the key idea is that you cannot work out its meaning.

9. Does ***construe*** mean to assemble, to interpret, or to agree?
✓ **B) to interpret**
To **construe** means to interpret or understand something in a particular way: **His silence was construed as agreement.** Not **to assemble**, which is a confusion with **construct**.

10. When you ***allude*** to something, do you reveal it, run away from it, or refer to it indirectly?
✓ **C) refer to it indirectly**
To **allude** to something means to refer to it indirectly, without mentioning it openly: **She alluded to her problems but never explained them.** Not **reveal it**: an allusion only hints at something and does not state it clearly.

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